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Subject: SIGNED: Exceptional Events Final Rule & Guidance Wildfire Events that May Influence Ozone Concentrations

Hi SADs – The revisions to the 2007 Exceptional Events have been finalized and the final rule was signed late Friday (“Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events”). These revisions clarify the process states follow when deciding whether air quality monitoring data influenced by an “exceptional event” should be included when determining if an area is meeting national air quality standards. Exceptional events include natural events such as wildfires, stratospheric ozone intrusions and volcanic and seismic activities. Given the possible influence of wildfires on ozone concentrations, EPA also released final, non-binding guidance document that provides states with additional information on preparing exceptional events demonstrations for wildfires that could influence monitored ozone concentrations. A prepublication version of the notice, a fact sheet and the guidance are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/treatment-data-influenced-exceptional-events>.

There is also a webinar on Wednesday – info below:

Notice of Informational Public Webinar to Discuss Rule Revisions and Final Guidance

- **Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016
- **Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 pm EDT
- **Webinar URL:** <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/e-events>

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